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J. O. Raisin 3-story duplex  
213-215 North Liberty Street  
Centreville  
Private

1878

This 3-story frame duplex is one of four houses constructed by Joseph O. Raisin in 1878. The exact mate to this house was demolished in 1980 and the other two houses are slightly different. Raisin was very active in real estate during this period and owned at the time of his death, in 1885, several dozen such properties in Centreville.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

J. O. Raisin 3-story duplex

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

213-215 North Liberty Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Francis N. Green

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

6 Murray Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21401**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 177

Folio #: 107

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This 3-story frame duplex, located on the west side of North Liberty Street one half block north of Broadway, is the mate to 209-211 North Liberty Street, demolished in 1980. It was constructed in 1878 by Joseph O. Raisin along with its mate and two other structures north of this house.

The building is three stories in height and four bays wide. It consists of a one bay, three story 'A' roof section with integral two story leanto and a second, one story leanto, both of which are narrower than the section preceding.

The Liberty Street facade is identical to its former neighbor, with entrance doors on the outer bays and two 6/6 windows in the center. The second story has four 6/6 sash windows and the third story has four 3/3 sash windows. There is a large brick chimney in the center of the building servicing both halves of the duplex. The entire building is covered with composition siding, and the roof with corrugated metal.

The gables of the house have one 6/6 sash window on each of the three floors of the front section and each of the two floors in the rear.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

113-115 North Liberty Street and the two houses north of it, and the former house south of it, were constructed by J. O. Raisin. The four buildings stand on a lot Raisin purchased from James Smith, a Centreville carpenter and builder, in February, 1878.<sup>(1)</sup> A map published the preceding year in the Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties identifies Smith as the owner and shows that the lot was undeveloped.<sup>(2)</sup> Raisin evidently began construction immediately, as the tax abatement list for 1878 orders that Raisin be charged for the "new houses and Lot on Liberty Street, \$2500".<sup>(3)</sup> The pencil inscription on the back of a mantel in #209 North Liberty makes it clear that Raisin was the builder. The chancery papers filed following Raisin's death about the year 1885 describe all four buildings in some detail, even noting the names of the tenants living in the three occupied houses.<sup>(4)</sup>

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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SEE FOOTNOTES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

DATE

6/10/83

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

There is an overhanging eave around the house which is very plain, but flush with side of the back leanto.

The third section is recessed enough for a window in the back of the first leanto and the shed roof begins at the sill of the 3/3 sash window of the second story (possibly 6-pane casement). Between the two back windows is a second large chimney servicing both halves of the duplex. This chimney exists about 1 1/2 feet above the roof, the rest having fallen. Returning to the rear leanto, there is a door on the south and north walls and two windows on the west side.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The four houses were offered for sale individually by the Trustees, but the bids were rejected as too low, and it was not until 1900 that the property was finally sold. William McKenney and Clayton Wright bought the original lot and all four houses for \$1205.<sup>(5)</sup> Within two weeks, McKenney and Wright sold the property to Jonathon Scotton<sup>(6)</sup> and in the fall of 1903 Scotton sold it to John M. Mason for \$1500.<sup>(7)</sup> In this deed it is noted that the adjoining property to the south is owned by Dr. S. E. Ford and used by William J. Woodford as a livery stable. The building on this adjoining property was demolished in the fall of 1978.

Evidently Mason formed a partnership with Pere T. Forman, for in 1927 the four dwelling houses and other property were involved in a Bankruptcy settlement, and Mason found it necessary to purchase the lots from Trustees charged with settling their affairs.<sup>(8)</sup> Mason died in 1928, and in 1931 his wife sold all four houses and other real estate to Bertha V. France<sup>(9)</sup> who sold it in 1936 to Louise M. Kenton.<sup>(10)</sup> This deed notes that #209 is bounded on the south "by the blacksmith's shop once in the occupancy of Henry

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## 8.2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

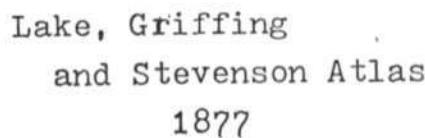
R. Louis". In 1972, Louise Kenton executed a deed conveying the property to herself and Gertrude K. Kochli as joint tenants.<sup>(11)</sup> Louise Kenton died in December 1977, and the following fall Gertrude K. Kochli sold the land and four houses to C. Marvin Clark.<sup>(12)</sup>



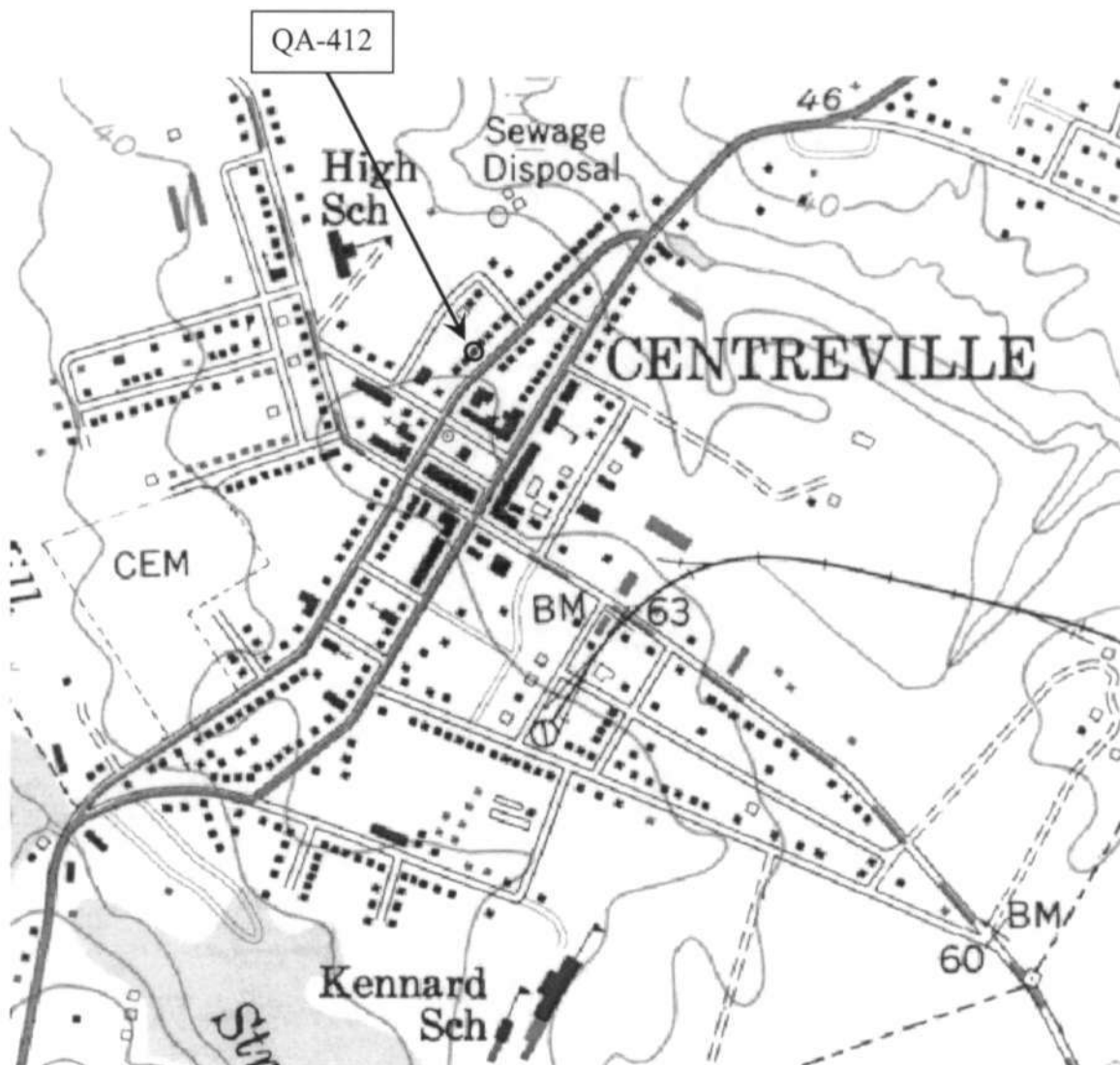
Footnotes

- (1) Deeds, Liber JW 8, folio 291. February 9, 1878.
- (2) Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.
- (3) Tax Abatement List for Centreville, 1878, p. 27.
- (4) Chancery Cause No. 823.
- (5) Deeds, Liber JEG 1, folio 345. December 26, 1900.
- (6) Deeds, Liber JEG 1, folio 347. January 9, 1901.
- (7) Deeds, Liber BHT 7, folio 193. October 5, 1903.
- (8) Deeds, Liber BHT 7, folio 197. September 23, 1927.
- (9) Deeds, Liber BHT 13, folio 415. September 24, 1931.
- (10) Deeds, Liber WHC 2A, folio 347. January 18, 1936.
- (11) Deeds, Liber CWC 65, folio 279. June 28, 1972.
- (12) Deeds, Liber CWC 141, folio 497. October 2, 1978.

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Centreville Quad.  
Queen Anne's Co.





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Centreville  
Southeast  
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J.O. Raisin Double Houses  
Centreville, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V, 1979  
East facade